

## SPREADS LIKE PRAIRIE FIRE

Fighting in Picardy Along Wide Front—Take Over 600 Officers, 700 Guns.

### CAPTURED HUNS COMPLAIN

British Forces Advance Without Let-Up Under Brilliant Light of Full Moon.

With the British Army on the Picardy front, Aug. 25—(N. Y. News.)—The advance of the allies is spreading like a prairie fire. Fighting now extends over a thirty-mile front.

The same brisk advance and sweeping successes marked the operations of the British forces today as on Saturday.

The total number of prisoners taken since the Fourth British army made its initial push on a six-mile front on Aug. 8 is now nearing the 50,000 mark. Six hundred officers have been seized, together with 700 guns.

An enormous harvest of machine guns and vast quantities of material of all kinds have been taken during the last two days, the exact number not being known as yet, as the units capturing them turn them over to the enemy until the ammunition is used up, when they are added to the British collection of trophies.

The drive already is the most important British offensive movement since the beginning of the war.

Early this morning it was reported that British patrols entered Bapaume, the ruined city and important railroad and high road center. Sixteen thousand prisoners have been captured within the last four days. The captives have become so numerous that infantry units are complaining of their ranks being weakened owing to the necessity of furnishing so many guards to lead their quarry to the cages.

Infantry commanders and all hands are extremely amused at the grievances of the prisoners. Many of them say that they had feared to desert and surrender owing to the consequences and the penalties inflicted upon their relatives. They were also told, they declared, that the British immediately shot all their captives. They were extremely impressed upon seeing maps showing the extensive advances made by the British troops along the Somme.

British officers are confident that the reports of recent allied successes will reach the German palace, despite the subterfuge of Hun war lords, chiefly through the wounded soldiers, who are constantly being sent home.

The most important battle today centered around the environs of Bapaume. Aided by a strong force of tanks, the British infantry began an enveloping movement around Bapaume under artillery fire of the boches. The Germans hastily withdrew their heavy guns as they have been doing since the greater part of the entire front during the last week.

On Saturday, Welsh and North County English troops attacked with a spirit that overwhelmed the boches, gaining many miles within the day and capturing Thiepval, Courcellette, Orville and La Boisselle. On the east side of the Ancre the Scotch aided in the manner characteristic of the gallant British detachment.

Along the old Somme battlefield where the British lost a thousand men in one strip of woods in 1916, British troops yesterday swept through with scarcely a casualty. Every man in the British army was thrilled by the contrast that the capture of Thiepval, Courcellette and Pozieres, names burned deep in the annals of the British army, were effected with trifling losses and with such perfect strategy. The Tommy was kept right on the heels of the fleeing Germans.

Without a let-up the British forces continued their advance during the night under a full moon. Today they pushed on, carrying their line across the Bapaume-Albert highway, seizing the ruined villages of Contalmaison, Bazentin, Marlinpich and reaching Warlencourt. They advanced to the high ground of the Fourneau woods, which dominate the southern ap-

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## PREPARING FOR RETREAT, SAYS GEN. MALLETERE

Germans May Precipitate Such Movement Sooner Than Expected.

(By Gen. J. M. G. Mallette.)

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## COLE BLEASE ISSUE IN SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY

Democrats Will Vote Tomorrow for Two Senators and State Officers.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—South Carolina democrats tomorrow will choose a United States senator for a full term beginning March 4, 1919, and for a short term to succeed Senator Christie Benet, appointed by Gov. Manning as the successor to the late Senator Benjamin Tillman. A governor and all other state and county officials and congressmen are also to be chosen. Nomination in the primary is equivalent to election.

For the long term in the senate there are three candidates, Nat B. Dial, a banker of Laurens; Jas. F. Rice, an attorney of Anderson, and Former Governor Cole L. Blease of Columbia. Blease's attitude on the war has been vigorously attacked all over the state. In a speech four months after war was declared, Blease declared that every congressman who voted for war ought to be defeated and that the blood of every American soldier slain in France would be on their heads. He characterized the loss of American lives in Europe as an "unwarranted sacrifice" of young American manhood.

President Wilson, in a letter directed to the Washington correspondent of a South Carolina paper said: "I have perfect confidence that the people of South Carolina will judge rightly in the senatorial contest, and I have not the least fear that they will believe that Mr. Blease is or can be a friend of the administration. The record of his opinions is already written and it is a little late to expunge it."

Many opponents of Blease have centered on Dial's candidacy since the death of Senator Tillman, who was a candidate for re-election.

For the short term in the senate to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Senator Tillman there are three candidates: Thos. H. Peoples, attorney-general of the state; Christie Benet, and W. P. Pollock.

For governor, there are five candidates: Lieut.-Gov. And. J. Bether, Robert A. Cooper, John T. Duncan, J. Madison Deschamps and John G. Richards.

## SENATE TO CONSIDER PASSAGE MANPOWER BILL

Revenue Act, Waterpower Bill in House, Suffrage Question Senate, on Calendar.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Enactment by the senate of the manpower bill setting the draft ages at from 18 to 45; the appearance in the house of the \$8,000,000 revenue measure, and possible definite action on national prohibition, were three far-reaching problems which congress faced when it reconvened today.

Consideration of the water power bill may also occupy the attention of the house. An early vote by the senate on woman suffrage is also a possibility. At a meeting of the senate military affairs committee today it is expected that the house manpower bill, in much the same form as it was passed by the house on Saturday by a vote of 336 to 2, will be substituted for that of the senate.

Several amendments, including that providing for the induction into military service of striking workmen engaged in essential industries, which have been introduced in the senate, it is planned to dispose of in conference.

Passage of the bill by the senate today or tomorrow and transmission of it to the president for his signature before the week-end is anticipated by administration supporters.

The revenue bill is scheduled to be reported by the house ways and means committee by the middle of the week, with the increased excess profits taxation incorporated in it, to which Secretary McAdoo is opposed. A protracted debate following its introduction is predicted by members of the house, but, it is expected, it will be passed by the house by Sept. 15.

The prohibition bill, under a senate agreement, was scheduled to come up in the senate today, but it will be temporarily laid aside to make room for the measure which has been disposed of.

A meeting of the senate mines committee is also planned for today to report a substitute for the house mineral control bill. The substitute would authorize the president to form a formal purchasing corporation with a revolving fund of \$200,000,000 to stimulate production of minerals required for war purposes.

## CARUSO TOO BUSY FOR HONEYMOON AT PRESENT

New York, (N. Y. A.)—Matrimony shall not interfere with Enrico Caruso's making of movies. Therefore he postponed his honeymoon. The famous grand opera singer is too busy. The three or four thousand dollars flowing in each week from the movies will have to serve as consolation for the honeymoonless Caruso wedding. It is believed it will be the new Mr. Caruso, says the tenor's secretary, isn't missing the honeymoon of the wedding program. She is much interested in the success of Enrico, and would not for the world, much less a honeymoon, have him disappoint the millions of movie fans throughout the country.

"Honeymoon? No," said Caruso. "Not this trip, the tour is going away all by ourselves. But yes, there will be a honeymoon. It began the moment when we became one and will last until the end of our days."

So you see, the highest paid tenor movie man in the world isn't too busy to have a life-long honeymoon.

## DISCARDED CLOTHING TO BE CAMPS RECLAIMED AT ARMY

Washington, Aug. 26.—Reclamation of discarded clothing will be extended to practically every army training camp in the country by the conservation and reclamation division of the quartermaster corps. The war department has authorized in thirty-four camps the building of clothing and hat repair shops, canvas and cot repair stations and dry cleaning plants.

## NEW HOSPITAL TO SERVE AMERICAN AVIATORS

Washington, Aug. 26.—The new Mary Imogene Bassett hospital and pathological laboratory at Cooperstown, N. Y., will be utilized as a general army hospital, with special facilities for aviators who may develop nervous disorders, the war department has announced.



proaches to Bapaume. Meanwhile other forces circled to the north of Bapaume, following their capture of Bienvillers and Avenue-le-Bapaume, occupying Blincourt and Favreuil.

In the moonlight, while the boche armies were raiding civilians in the rear of the war zone, the British advanced beyond Bray, capturing Figcourt and Mamets. The majority of the villages captured by the British during the last few days have been taken with the minimum force.

German officers taken prisoner said their men feared the tanks most, and admitted that the tanks aided the aviators and barrage combination and that it was useless to oppose them.

The Fortieth Saxon division was just about to attempt to retake the Aisne railroad when they were routed by the British.

Gomcourt was taken by moonlight, with the tanks leading the way. One of the prisoners, 33 years old, the youngest among an entire batch of Germans.

British-American aviators are bombing German towns by daylight now. The fact that the Germans conduct their air raids entirely at night is said to be sufficient proof that the allies hold mastery of the air.

## ALL CLASSES TRAINING FOR MERCHANT MARINE SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 26.—Bankers, lawyers, teachers, clergymen and actors are included among the hundreds of young Americans in training as apprentice seamen for the merchant marine, according to results made public today of an occupational inquiry conducted by Henry Howard, of Boston, director of the shipping board's recruiting and training service. Investigation disclosed, according to Mr. Howard, that many men with large incomes are to be found among the 3,000 men being trained monthly to serve under the American flag on the seas.

## WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE LEADERS ACTIVE IN SWITZERLAND

Berne, (N. Y. A.)—Woman's suffrage leaders are carrying on a campaign in many Swiss cantons where women have not won the vote but where the subject is under consideration by the parliamentary authorities.

## CUNARD COMPANY CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR LOSS OF Lusitania—Ruling of Judge

Is That Legal and Moral Responsibility Is Germany's

New York, Aug. 26.—The Cunard Steamship company cannot be held liable for loss of life and property in the torpedoing of the Lusitania by a German submarine, according to a decision handed down in the admiralty court by Judge Mayer and made public yesterday.

The cause of the sinking of the Lusitania was the illegal act of the imperial German government acting through its instrument, the submarine commander, declared Judge Mayer, who held that "it is, therefore, responsible for the sinking of the vessel in the legal as well as moral sense."

In dismissing suits against the Cunard line aggregating nearly \$4,000,000 brought by heirs of persons who perished with the Lusitania, May 7, 1915, Judge Mayer asserted:

"It is not to be doubted that the United States of America and her allies will well remember the rights of those affected by the sinking of the Lusitania, and when the time shall come will see to it that reparation shall be made for one of the most indefensible acts of modern times."

Judge Mayer went exhaustively into claims that the Cunard line was negligent and dismissed them with the conclusion that the captain and members of the crew took every precaution justified by the then known facts, both before and after the vessel was torpedoed.

"It is, of course, possible now," he declared, "in the light of many events added to preceding ones, to look back and say that the Lusitania was not a captain's vessel, but a German government vessel which would authorize or permit so shocking a breach of international law and so foul an offense not only against international law, but as well against peaceful citizens of a friendly nation. But the unexpected character of the act was best evidenced by the horror which it excited in the minds and hearts of the American people."

Judge Mayer declared proof brought out in his investigation, which covered a year, is conclusive that the Lusitania was not and never had been armed, and that on the voyage on which she was sunk did not carry explosives.

## EARLY PEACE PREDICTED BY PREMIER OF FRANCE

Paris, Aug. 26.—Premier Clemenceau yesterday telegraphed to the presidents of the general councils that they could rely upon the government and Marshal Foch and his magnificent staff and the allied military commanders to turn the present success of the allied arms into a complete and decisive collapse of the enemy.

"The splendid victories of recent weeks," said M. Clemenceau, "in which the spirit of our allies has so magnificently rivaled ours, has definitely settled the fortunes of war. The enemy, bewildered, deceived himself as to his own strength and now is finding he has been deceived. The results achieved as the first fruits of our harvest of rewards, the highest of which will be having delivered the world from ruthless oppression and brutality."

"We shall the dawn of the first gleams of which brightened the victorious brows of the founders of the American republic and of the fathers of our revolution. The last obstacle to the establishment of rights among men is about to disappear. The triumph is near."

"Universal co-operation toward the world's rejuvenation will attain the ideal goal for which so many generations have been striving."

## MARINE CORPS CUSTOM OF SALUTING WOUNDED APPROVED

Washington, Aug. 26.—The custom among members of the marine corps of saluting wounded members of the organization who have returned from France has been given the official approval of Maj.-Gen. Barnett, head of the corps. The custom is said to have originated with the marines.

"It is a beautiful tribute to the spirit which prompted the wounded man's sacrifice, and I readily give my approval," said Gen. Barnett yesterday. "While no official order will be issued on the subject, I shall be glad to see the members of the marine corps show respect to their wounded comrades."

## ENGLISH PEOPLE TO CHANGE GERMAN NAMES OF ROSES

London, (N. Y. A.)—A rose by any other name would smell as sweet—but not by a German name. So the English people are changing the names of roses which have been known as "Friedrichshuh," "Otto von Bismarck," "Kaiserin Auguste Victoria," "Vollkommenblau," etc.

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